Subsidies to State-run companies and banks

1027. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are providing implicit subsidies to State-run companies and banks;

(b) if so, the quantum thereof provided during the fiscal year ending March, 2001; and

(c) the dividend Government got during the last fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Interest subsidies and certain other subsidies like guarantee fee subsidy, subsidies to individual companies for specific purposes are being provided to Central Public Sector Undertakings.

(b) the quantum of subsidy on this account for the year 2000-2001 as per Revised Estimates was of the order of Rs. 1020.90 crore.

(c) Total dividend received from Central Public Sector Undertakings, Banks and Financial Institutions during the year 1999-2000 was Rs. 5037 crore.

Policy on allotment of LPG distributorship

1028. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether every town or village with a population of 10000 or more would now be allotted an LPG distribution agency;

(b) if so, the number of LPG distributorships which would be sufficient to cater to the need of rural areas;

(c) how many of these distributorship do exist now; and

(d) how many more LPG distributorships are likely to be allotted for the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Since 1996—98, Marketing Plans for setting up of LPG distributorships were prepared by public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) taking into account the following:

(i) All urban locations with a population of 10,000 and above by including the potential of adjoining villages falling within the radius of 15 Kms.;

(ii) All viable urban locations having a population of 5,000 and above by taking into account the potential of adjoining villages falling within 15 Kms. radius;

(iii) Viable locations having cluster of villages within 15 Kms. radius of nucleus villages having a population of 10,000 and above.

(iv) Villages within 15 Kms. radius around towns having population of 1 lakh and above to be surveyed for opening of LPG distributorships.

(b) to (d) OMCs have included 1247 locations for setting up of LPG distributorships exclusively for rural areas under various marketing plans. As on 1.10.2001, 217 LPG distributorships are operating exclusively in rural areas.

Problem faced by petroleum products dealers

†1029. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petrol and diesel pumps and gas agencies in Delhi, UP and Haryana whose allocations were cancelled during the last three years;

(b) the details of the agencies whose allocations have been restored;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the agency holders are selling their agency of petrol and diesel pumps and LPG;

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